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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/746,579

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR  
RETAINING TISSUE IN  
APPOSITION AND METHODS  
OF USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1598

Examiner: IZAGUIRRE, ISMAEL

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3765

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.